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1. BUDAPEST 0718 REPORTED STORIES WHICH APPEARED IN
HUNGARIAN MEDIA MARCH 1 THRU 4 AND WHICH REFLECTED IN-
TENSIFYING DEBATE ON HUMAN RIGHTS GOING ON IN MEDIA
WORLD-WIDE AND PARTICULARLY IN SOVIET AND EE COMMUNIST
PRESS.

2. OVER MARCH 5-6 WEEK-END HUNGARIAN PARTICIPATION IN
THIS DEBATE HAS ESCALATED FURTHER. NINE DIFFERENT ARTICLES
ON THE SUBJECT APPEARED IN VARIOUS DAILIES, MANY
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OF THEM IN SEVERAL PAPERS. IN ADDITION TO CARRYING
TASS STORIES, WHICH HAD BEEN THE PATTERN SO FAR,
HUNGARIAN EDITORIAL COMMENT ALSO MADE ITS APPEARANCE.

3. NEWS STORIES FROM TASS AND MTI SOURCES INCLUDED
THE FOLLOWING;
A. TASS STORY CONDEMNING SENATOR CHURCH FOR

INTRODUCING RESOLUTION PASSED BY SENATE ON
TREATMENT OF SOVIET JEWS. CLAIMS THAT
800,000 JEWS LIVE IN POVERTY IN U.S. WHERE
ANTI-SEMITISM RAMPANT, AND HUMAN RIGHTS DIS-
REGARDED. CRITICIZED U.S. FOR NOT SIGNING
UN DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

B. MTI STORY FROM WASHINGTON CRITICIZING US FOR
NOT DOING ANYTHING ABOUT GROSS VIOLATIONS
OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN NICARAGUA.

C. TASS STORY ON LETTER TO IZVESTIA BY S.L.
LIPAVSKI ON ALLEGED CIA ACTIVITIES IN MOSCOW
AND QUOTING NAMES OF US EMBASSY OFFICERS.

D. MTI STORY FROM MOSCOW CORRESPONDENT REPORTING
SOVIET TV COMMENTARY BY MATVEJEV DENOUNCING
BUKOVSKY WHITE HOUSE VISIT.

E. NEPSZABADSAG STORY ON EFFORTS TO REHABILITATE
JULIUS AND ETHEL ROSENBERG.

F. TASS STORY ON ONE BENJAMIN CHAVIS ALLEGEDLY
LANGUISHING IN A NORTH CAROLINA JAIL AS A
POLITICAL PRISONER FALSELY ACCUSED OF ARSON,
WHO WROTE A LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER
DEMANDING RELEASE OF AMERICAN POLITICAL
PRISONERS.

G. QUOTE FROM TV INTERVIEW BY SHAH OF IRAN ASKING
HOW US COMES TO HAVE RIGHT OF QUESTIONING
OTHER COUNTRIES POLITICAL SYSTEMS.

4. IN ADDITION TO ABOVE ITEMS, TWO MAJOR EDITORIAL
ARTICLES ALSO APPEARED. NEPSZABADSAG FOREIGN EDITOR
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FERENC VARNAI STRONGLY CONDEMNS US GOVERNMENT STATEMENTS
ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND THEIR ALLEGED EFFECT OF INTERFERING
IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS. VARNAI SAYS THAT THOSE WHO DENY
HUMAN RIGHTS TO MILLIONS OF THEIR OWN CITIZENS HAVE NO
RIGHT TO PASS JUDGMENT ON WHAT SOCIALIST COUNTRIES DO.
VARNAI ASKS WHAT US WOULD HAVE DONE HAD SOVIET UNION
MADE THE FREEING OF ANGELA DAVIS, OR THE "FREEING" OF
REBELLIOUS INDIANS AT WOUNDED KNEE A PRE-CONDITION FOR
IMPROVING US-SOVIET RELATIONS, OR THE NIXON MOSCOW VISIT.

5. MAGYAR HIRLAP EDITOR ISTVAN DARVASI IN FOUR-COLUMN
ANGRY EDITORIAL SAYS SOCIALIST COUNTRIES HAVE TRUE
DEMOCRACY, FULL SOVIAT JUSTICE, RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS,
ETC.... AND QUOTE REJECT LECTURES ON DEMOCRACY FROM THE
HISTORIC HEIRS OF EVERY FORM OF OPPRESSION AND DENIAL
OF HUMAN RIGHTS, QUNQUOTE, REFERRING AMONG OTHERS TO US
SUPPORT FOR PINOCHET GOVERNMENT, SOUTH AFRICA, SEOUL,
THE FORMER SAIGON REGIME, ETC.

6. BOTH EDITORIALS SUGGEST THAT THE "HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN" IS THE NEWEST INSTRUMENT FOR RESTARTING THE COLD WAR AND FOR TRYING TO OVERTHROW THE COMMUNIST SYSTEM.

7. IN SPITE OF MARKEDLY STEPPED UP MEDIA OFFENSIVE, SO FAR AT LEAST, EXCEPT IN CONNECTION WITH BUKOVSKY MEETING, PRESIDENT CARTER OR OTHER US LEADERS PRESENTLY IN OFFICE HAVE NOT BEEN MENTIONED BY NAME, NOR HAS ANY REFERENCE YET BEEN MADE TO US-HUNGARIAN RELATIONS. MUDD

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